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### **Amendments to the abstract**

Below is a corrected abstract:

The present invention provides a ~~software and/or hardware-based~~ system and method for facilitating communications between different ~~software~~ systems requiring different event message techniques ~~and/or formats by building the receiver's message format into the sending software application.~~ In one embodiment, a method for bridging messages between a first and at least a second application having differing message formats comprises receiving message data from the adapter of a first application in a first format<sub>[[;]]</sub> translating and/or parsing the received message data into at least a second format<sub>[[;]]</sub> and outputting the translated and/or parsed message data to at least the second application. ~~In another embodiment, a computer system consistent with the invention comprises a first application, at least a second application, and a message bridge. The first application has an adapter capable of outputting message data in a first format. The second application is capable of receiving message data in a second format. The message bridge is adapted to receive message data from the adapter of the first application in the first format, translate and/or parse the received message data into at least the second format, and output the translated and/or parsed message data to at least the second application. In a further embodiment consistent with the invention, a software module for bridging messages between a first and at least a second application having differing message formats is stored on a computer-readable medium, and comprises appropriate instructions for receiving message data, translating and/or parsing the received message data, and outputting the translated and/or parsed message data.~~